

WASHINGTON (Today) - U.S. Representative Mike Honda, D-Calif., invites high school students to participate in the 2010 "An Artistic Discovery" Congressional Art Competition. The winning piece will represent the 15th Congressional District and will be displayed as part of a year-long national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading from the Cannon House Office Building to the United States Capitol.

"Our district is home to many gifted students," said Rep. Honda. "The art contest provides a unique opportunity to showcase and recognize the rich artistic talents of our young constituents."

Since the competition's inception in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

All pieces will be judged by a diverse panel of community leaders and a winning artist will be announced at a ceremony held in the City of Cupertino's Community Hall on May 16.

The winning artist and a guest will be flown to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Southwest Airlines, to attend the unveiling reception held on June 17 at the Capitol.

Last year's contest winner was Jung Gu Lee, of the California School of Art and Design, whose piece was titled, "The Decision is Yours." The second and third place winners were Chad Burcing and Hannah Lee, of Boynton and Lynbrook high schools, respectively.

Students may submit two-dimensional artworks, including: paintings, drawings, collages, prints, photographs, mixed media or computer-generated art by the April 20 deadline. Participants must also reside in the 15th District in order to be eligible for consideration. Students not living in the district can apply for the program through their local Member of Congress.

Rep. Honda also encourages local organizations and businesses to help our young artists pursue their creativity by contributing gift certificates, art supplies and other incentives for the entrants. Last year's generous contributors include Southwest Airlines, Costco, Gilroy Hobby, and University Art.

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